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POLAND: Moves Toward Conciliation

The government's positive response to Solidarity's conciliatory statements suggests that it wants to help calm the political situation. The regime, however, is still committed to preventing a possible planned march to Warsaw next week. [REDACTED]

The party daily called the union's action a "partial return to realistic thinking" and a welcome change from "pure opposition" to the government's proposals. The television broadcast of key sections of the union statements, including portions critical of the government, partially met Solidarity's demand that its side of recent disputes be publicized in the controlled media. [REDACTED]

Party leader Kania underscored his commitment to reducing tensions by holding his first meeting with Archbishop Glemp, the new head of the Catholic Church. According to Warsaw radio, both agreed that Poland's greatest needs are "national accord, social calm, and hard work and good management." [REDACTED]

During a conversation [REDACTED] on Wednesday, Glemp blamed both the government and Solidarity for the recent tensions and indicated that the Church will try to help calm the situation. Glemp will speak on Saturday about the need for Poles to work together for the good of the nation. [REDACTED]

The Church apparently also is working to cancel the planned march next week to Warsaw on behalf of political prisoners. [REDACTED]

Solidarity, meanwhile, has begun what several union leaders admit will be a "very difficult" task of winning worker support for suspending protests. The national leadership's appeal seemed to gain acceptance among union activists in Warsaw, but provoked "spirited debate" in several other cities. Should some of the workers ignore the appeal and proceed with the march to Warsaw, they risk provoking a confrontation. [REDACTED]

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Visit to the USSR

Kania and Prime Minister Jaruzelski will travel "soon" to the USSR on a "short working visit," according to an official announcement. Their meeting with President Brezhnev could take place this weekend. Kania and Jaruzelski are likely to point to Solidarity's latest appeal for moderation as evidence that the Polish regime remains able to control the situation without resorting to drastic emergency measures. [REDACTED]